

National Summer Learning Association

Our vision is to ensure that every child is safe, healthy and engaged in learning during the summer months.

Our mission is to connect and equip schools and community organizations to deliver quality summer learning programs to our nation's youth to help close the achievement gap.



ESEA—*What's in It for Summer?*

- 21st Century Community Learning Centers—the only program explicitly dedicated to afterschool and summer learning



Flexibility/Waivers

- USDE issued on September 23, 2011
- States can request waivers from many requirements if they agree to address four core principles:
 - College- and Career-Ready Expectations for All Students;
 - State-Developed Differentiated Recognition, Accountability, and Support;
 - Supporting Effective Instruction and Leadership; and
 - Reducing Duplication and Unnecessary Burden.



More Flexibility/Waivers

- [A]n SEA may wish to request flexibility through a waiver related to the following:

“An SEA would have flexibility ...to permit community learning centers that receive funds under the 21st CCLC program to use those funds to support expanded learning time during the school day in addition to activities during non-school hours or periods when school is not in session (*i.e.*, before and after school or during summer recess).”
- Without new appropriations to support extended-day plans along with after-school and summer programs, this opens the possibility for intensified competition for 21st CCLC funds.



And More F/W

- New flexibility in Title I on school choice and supplemental educational services could go to summer learning.
- Local advocates need to determine whether your state is applying for waivers and, if so, advocate for inclusion of summer learning.
- If they have already submitted a plan, you may still be able to advocate for summer learning in their negotiations with the Department of Education.



States Already Requesting Waivers

- Colorado
- Florida
- Georgia
- Indiana
- Kentucky
- Massachusetts
- Minnesota
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- Oklahoma
- Tennessee



States Intending to Apply in February

- Arkansas
- Arizona
- Connecticut
- District of Columbia
- Delaware
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Illinois
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Maine
- Maryland
- Michigan
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- Nevada



States Intending to Apply in February

- New Hampshire
- New York
- North Carolina
- Ohio
- Oregon
- Puerto Rico
- Rhode Island
- South Carolina
- South Dakota
- Utah
- Vermont
- Virginia
- Washington
- Wisconsin



For more information...

- On waivers:

<http://www.ed.gov/esea/flexibility>

- On summer learning:

www.summerlearning.org

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